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(c) how long they have been so and when the Government propose to reconstruct them?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Communal representation among the non-gazetted subordinates of the Forest department in the Tinnevelly district.

* 317 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of non-gazetted subordinates in the Forest department in the district of Tinnevelly; and

(*b*) the number according to the communities to which they belong?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement furnishing information in regard to the Tinnevelly division is appended.[a]

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"Sir, out of 53 forest guards only 4 belong to the depressed classes. Is that small proportion due to the fact that there was not a sufficient number of depressed classes coming forward as applicants?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I cannot answer that question. It may be one of the reasons. The other reason may be the want of the necessary qualifications."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"I find from the answer to the next question that there were 39 applicants from depressed classes and Indian Christians?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Yes, Sir. Of these 24 have been appointed."

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Appointment of Indian Christians and the members of the depressed classes to the Forest department in the Tinnevelly district during 1930–35.

* 318 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were received by the District Forest Officer, Tinnevelly, from 1930 to 1935 for the posts of guards, watchers, etc., from the depressed classes and the Indian Christians; and

(*b*) how many of the applicants were appointed?

A.—(*a*) Number of applications from 1930 up to 26th September 1935—

Depressed classes	20
Indian Christians	19
Total ...	39

(*b*) Twenty-four.

[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 231 infra.